

churches to ally themselves with the Convention, and coöperate in carrying out its purposes. Objections likely to be urged against the missionary and educational program of the Convention are answered. To those who should decide to coöperate with the Convention, a warm, Christian welcome is assured; but heavenly defiance is hurled at any who should determine to stand in the way and seek to obstruct the Convention in its forward movement. Here is a paragraph addressed to those who opposed the organized work:

“And we would first speak to those who oppose our measures. Brethren, you who are averse to State Conventions, and to Missions, and to Educational Societies, and who have carried your hostility so far as even to threaten with excommunication, those of your church members who dare to think and act differently from yourselves in these matters, we wish it distinctly understood that we have no quarrel with you of any kind. We neither dislike nor envy you, nor do we despise you, nor yet do we *fear* you; we regard you as Christians, as Baptists, and as Brethren, but we consider you sadly mistaken, and we sincerely regret the loss of your services in the important and interesting work before us. When we earnestly plead our arguments in favor of what we do, and patiently consider the objections which you urge against us, we do this, not for the purpose of justifying ourselves, nor yet for the purpose of justifying the cause which we